

GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

25 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Action Taken with Respect to Post Mortem
on NIE 11-5-57

REFERENCE : Post Mortem on NIE 11-5-57, IAC-D-57/59
21 March 1957

1. In reply to paragraph 5.a. of reference, the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee (GMIC) has taken the following actions:

a. Has studied the existing gaps in guided missile intelligence in detail and has formulated for guidance of the collectors a compilation of Priority National Guided Missile Intelligence Objectives. (See Tab A.)

b. Has recently established a subcommittee to operate in the area of guidance to collectors.

2. In reply to paragraph 5.b. of reference, GMIC currently has no assigned responsibility for developing and applying additional collection methods. GMIC has, however, served as a mechanism in bringing advanced technical thoughts on new collection methods to the attention of groups charged with this responsibility. GMIC will, where possible, guide collectors to areas where additional collection effort might be applied.

3. In reply to paragraph 5.c. of reference, GMIC has taken the following actions:

(1) 'Collected data and their interpretation, which are relative to establishment of any Soviet-Bloc operational guided missile launching sites and support facilities be exchanged on a priority basis.'

(2) 'Significant milestones in Soviet guided missile development and production programs be jointly defined and agreed. Future estimates should include dates based on these definitions. US will initiate action.'

b. An ad hoc subcommittee is being established to study and recommend to GMIC methods and procedures for optimizing community exchange of guided missile intelligence information.

4. It is recommended that the IAC endorse Tab A as a statement of Priority National Guided Missile Intelligence Objectives.



Chairman, GMIC

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Tab A

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PRIORITY NATIONAL GUIDED MISSILE

INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Pursuant to National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 4, paragraph 2, Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 4/6 (DCID 4/6) established a list of priority national intelligence objectives as a guide for the coordination of intelligence collection and production in response to requirements relating to the formulation and execution of national security policy.

2. The Guided Missile Intelligence Committee has derived the following guided missile intelligence objectives from DCID 4/6. The statement of these objectives will be revised when required by revision of DCID 4/6.

3. By definition, all items in this listing are deemed to be critical factors requiring priority attention and effort. Distinction is made between two levels of priority within the general priority category. Order of listing within these two groups has no significance with respect to the relative priority of specific items within the group.

I. First Priority Objectives*

A. The capabilities of the USSR to conduct research on and develop and produce guided missiles of all types and other components of guided missile systems suitable for nuclear attack on the United States or key US overseas installations (DCID 4/6, para. 1 c). Particular emphasis will be placed on:

1. Characteristics of existing operational guided missile weapon systems to include type, range, accuracy, lethality, and reliability.

2. Function and capabilities of institutes, plants and organizations engaged in the research, development, and production phases of the guided missile weapon systems and specialized auxiliary equipment.

*First Priority Intelligence Objectives are those which will permit the US: (1) to anticipate and counter those policies or actions of foreign states which would occasion gravest consequences to the US; and (2) to stimulate policies or actions of foreign states (or actions within them) which could occasion greatest benefit to the US (DCID 4/6, para. 3 a).

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B. The capabilities of the USSR to conduct research on and develop and produce guided missiles and other components of guided missile systems suitable for defense against air attack (DCID 4/6, para. 1 c). Particular emphasis will be placed on the determination of research and developments on:

1. Surface-to-air guided missiles
2. Air-to-air guided missiles
3. Anti-ICBM guided missiles.

II. Second Priority Objectives

None.

III. Third Priority Objectives

A. Scientific, technological and economic developments in Western Europe as they effect the ability to develop or produce guided missiles and guided missile components.